Land Acquisition Collectors, Delhi, are not directly paid by the Ministry of Law. The Offices of the Land Acquisition Collectors forward the bills to the Ministry of Law for verification. After verification, the bills are returned to the Offices of Land Acquisition Collectors for payment directly to the Counsels. Any complaint received in this regard is also forwarded to the Offices of the Land Acquisition Collectors or Delhi Administration (under whose jurisdiction these offices fall) for taking necessary action.

Complaints from Government Counsels regarding filing Regular First Appeals in High Court

2511. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints from the Central Government Counsels/pleaders of Delhi High Court that the Office of the Land Acquisition Collectors is sending the briefs for filing Regular First Appeals in High Court after the expiry of period of limitation prescribed for filing Appeals.

(b) what action has been taken by Government for avoiding the delay in filing of the Regular First Appeals arising out of the judgements of Additional District Judge in Land Acquisition cases; and

(c) what is the number of Regular First Appeals filed after the expiry of period of limitations, in Delhi High Court arising out of the Land Acquisition judgements of Additional District Judge, Delhi for the last three years and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Central Government Counsels/ Pleaders in the Delhi High Court have brought to the notice of the Ministry of Law, from time to time, about the delay on the part of the Offices of the Land Acquisition Collectors in sending in briefs for filing Regular First Appeals in the High Court. Some of the briefs are received after the expiry of the period of limitation prescribed for filing Appeal.

(b) The offices of the Land Acquisition Collectors have on several occasions been requested in writing to avoid such delays in the future.

(c) The Ministry of Law does not keep any record of such cases filed after the expiry of the period of limitation.

Refunds of deposits by M/s. Lohia Machine Limited

2512. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons who have written to M/s. Lohia Machine Limited, Kanpur for the refund of their deposits made by them for scooters;

(b) whether it is a fact that even after recommendations by some Members of Parliament M/s. Lohia Machine Limited have failed to refund the money;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not refunding money; and

(d) whether Government propose to take any action against M/s. Lohia Machine Limited to safeguard the interests of depositors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The company has reported that the total number of requests for cancellation received upto 31-5-87 are 9,93,983 Nos.

(b) and (c) The company has reported that requests for refund of deposits including requests received through Members of Parliament have been promptly attended to. The company has reported that it has refunded deposits to 8,56,859 customers. However, the company has not been able to refund deposits towards cancellation requests received after Ist Jan. 1987 since as stated by the Company, increased working capital facilities were not available from the banks to replace the funds deployed in the operation of the company.

(d) The Govt. have issued guidelines to all automobile manufacturers advising them to arrange early refund of deposits. All complaints received by the Ministry of Industry are forwarded to respective manufacturers for immediate redressal. M/s. Lohia Machines Ltd. has informed that in the meanwhile, approval of the increased working capital facilities from the banks has been received and the banks will begin release of funds towards August/September '87. Thereafter, as the company has stated, the required refunds will be made.

मैसर्स राजहंस गैस सर्विस को उपभोक्ताओं का अंतरित किया जाना

2513. **श्री सुनील कुमार पटनायक** : क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि साउथ एवेन्यू तथा उसके आसपास के क्षेत्रों के उपभोक्ताओं को इन्डेन घरेलू गैस मैसर्स साउथ दिल्ली गैस द्वारा सप्लाई की जाती है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकारी क्षेत्र के उपभोक्ताओं की सुविधा के लिए नार्थ एवेन्यू और साउथ एवेन्यू स्थित क्षेत्रों के लिए मैसर्स राजहंस गैस सर्विस, साउथ एवेन्यू मार्कीट को इन्डेन घरेलू गैस के वितरक के रूप में नियुक्त करने का विचार रखती है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो ऐसा कब तक किये जाने की संभावना है;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि अन्य गैस वितरक के पास पंजीकृत उपभोक्ताओं को भी मैसर्स राजहंस गैस सर्विस को अंतरित किये जाने की संभावना है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (ग) राजहंस गैस सर्विस को मार्च, 1987 में आरम्भ किया गया था ।

(घ) जी, हां ।

(ङ) नार्थ/साउथ एवेन्यू पर रह रहे 368 उपभोक्ताओं को राजहंस गैस सर्विस के पास स्थानान्तरित किया गया । इस क्षेत्र के और उपभोक्ताओं को चरणबद्ध रूप से स्थानान्तरित किया जाएगा ।

खाना पकाने की गैस के सिलेन्डरों की सप्लाई

2514. **श्री सुनील कुमार पटनायक** : क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि साउथ एवेन्यू क्षेत्र के उपभोक्ता, इस क्षेत्र के इन्डेन गैस के वितरक मैसर्स राजहंस गैस सर्विस को खाना पकाने की गैस के रिफिलों की कम सप्लाई किये जाने के कारण भारी असुविधा का सामना कर रहे हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस गैस वितरक को इस समय प्रतिदिन कितने रिफिल सप्लाई किये जा रहे हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) जी, नहीं ।